

SUMMARY: The document below is the Prerogative Court of Canterbury copy of the will, dated 4 September 1531 and proved 3 March 1545, of Dorothy (nee Trotter) Lake. The testatrix was buried at St Antholin's on 8 January 1545. See Chester, Joseph Lemuel and George J. Armytage, eds., *The Parish Register of St. Antholin, Budge Row, London*, (London: Harleian Society, 1883), Vol. VIII, p. 5 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/parishregisters02pargoog#page/n15/mode/2up>.

The testatrix was the daughter of the London grocer, Benedict Trotter (d.1496), Warden of the Company in 1494, and his wife, Joan (d.1541), whose maiden name is unknown, but may have been Holte. For Benedict Trotter, see *List of the Wardens of the Grocers' Company*, (London: 1807), p. 14 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/listofwardensofg00groc#page/n29/mode/2up>.

Benedict Trotter was buried at St Albans, Wood Street. See Fisher, Payne, *The Catalogue of Most of the Memorable Tombs*, (London, 1668), p. 86 at:

[http://books.google.ca/books?id=QeoHAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA86&lpg=PA86&dq=%22Benedict+Trotter%22+%22merchant%22&source=bl&ots=atYRrodZ5D&sig=7ANWuaDVluWvje\\_x2-ksIznYL4Y&hl=en&sa=X&ei=Je0HVL2gMKKnigLrk4CoAQ&ved=0CB0Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=%22Benedict%20Trotter%22%20%22merchant%22&f=false](http://books.google.ca/books?id=QeoHAAAAQAAJ&pg=PA86&lpg=PA86&dq=%22Benedict+Trotter%22+%22merchant%22&source=bl&ots=atYRrodZ5D&sig=7ANWuaDVluWvje_x2-ksIznYL4Y&hl=en&sa=X&ei=Je0HVL2gMKKnigLrk4CoAQ&ved=0CB0Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=%22Benedict%20Trotter%22%20%22merchant%22&f=false)

For his will, in which his wife, Joan, is named an executor, see TNA PROB 11/11/101.

After the death of Benedict Trotter, his widow, Joan, married John Fitzherbert (d.1502), Remembrancer of the Exchequer, whose nephew, the judge Sir John Port (d.1538), is mentioned in the will below. For her will, dated 3 February 1541 and proved 22 March 1541, in which she leaves her entire estate to 'my daughter, Dorothy Lake, widow', see TNA PROB 11/28/447. For the will of John Fitzherbert (d.1502), Remembrancer of the Exchequer, see TNA PROB 11/13/461. For the will of Sir John Port (d.1538), see TNA PROB 11/28/58.

In the will below the testatrix mentions a brother, Hugh Trotter (died c.1535), Customer of Bridgewater, Somerset, for whom see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/trotter-hugh-1504-3536>.

The testatrix also mentions a sister, Agnes, and her children, and another sister, a nun at Ikelton.

The testatrix' sister, Agnes (nee Trotter), married firstly John Christopherson (d.1524), Doctor of Physic, buried at St Mildred's in the Poultry, secondly the Norwich merchant,

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John Clerke (d. 22 March 1528), and thirdly William Hals or Halse, esquire, of Haveringland, Norfolk. See TNA C 1/824/84and82and83 at:

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C7482579>.

For her will, dated 12 December 1554 and proved 29 April 1556, see Tymms, Samuel, ed., *Wills and Inventories from the Registers of the Commissary of Bury St. Edmund's and the Archdeacon of Sudbury*, (Camden Society, 1850), pp. 143-7 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/publications49camduoft#page/142/mode/2up>.

For John Clerke, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/clerke-john-i-1476-1528>.

For John Christopherson (d.1524), see Stow's *Survey of London*, p. 258 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=AQdBAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA258&lpg=PA258&dq=%22John+Christopherson%22+%22Doctor+of+Physic%22&source=bl&ots=hS1pGaWHyJ&sig=RVTcQV-Omz62dTwmIjIPW8P10B4&hl=en&sa=X&ei=bm8OVL3NJHCigKzyYGADw&ved=0CB0Q6AEwAA#v=onepage&q=%22John%20Christopherson%22%20%22Doctor%20of%20Physic%22&f=false>.

For the testatrix' sister, Agnes (nee Trotter), see also:

<http://apps.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a/records.aspx?cat=153-dun&cid=-1#-1>

*Deeds Dun 71/9, 19-23, 106 x 5; Dun (A) 12, 495 x 2 1626-1628*

*Contents:*

*The manor of Gowthorpe, the advowson of Newton Flotman, fishery at Hertfordbrygge, and lands in Gowthorpe, Newton, Mangreen, Swardeston, Dunston, etc., conveyed in 1526 from Thomas Aldryche alderman of Norwich, Leonard Spencer and William Knyghtley gents. to John Clerk alderman of Norwich and wife Agnes, following recovery against Edward Boleyn knight, and in 1531 reversion conveyed by William Halse Esq. and wife Agnes, Clerk's widow, and Clerk's executors to William Rede sen. and then by William Rede sen., Thomas Rede clerk his brother and William Rede jun. to Augustine Stywarde. In 1566 Stywarde conveyed the property, together with the manor of Welborne, to uses, and in 1592 William Steward Esq. varied uses on same property and capital messuage in parish of St Peter Hungate, Norwich. In 1600 and 1609 William Steward gent. and Grisell his wife and Thomas their son were parties to agreements to levy final concord and suffer recovery concerning the same property, tenements and lands (described) in Keswick, Cringleford, Eaton and Intwood being excepted in 1600. In 1628 Thomas Steward Esq., Mary his wife and Christopher Layer sold to Dame Julian Berney*

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*widow the manor of Gowthorpe, the advowson of Newton Flotman, the fishery, Gowthorpe Hall in Swardeston with the Oakeyard, dovehouse etc. cont. 13a. and lands (described in schedule) in Swardeston, Gowthorpe, Swainsthorpe, Intwood, Mulbarton, Dunston, Caistor St Edmund, Mangreen, Markshall and Kenningham, save land south of the heath and of Ikling grene way, messuage in Mangreen etc.*

The testatrix' other sister, formerly a nun at Ikelton, Cambridge, would appear to have been 'my sister, Elizabeth Trotter' who is left a bequest in the 1556 will of Agnes Hals (see above), and 'Elizabeth Trotter, my wife's aunt', who is left a bequest in the 1553 will of Sir Ralph Warren, who married the testatrix' daughter, Joan (see below).

The testatrix married John Lake (d.1522), for whose will see TNA PROB 11/20/370. By John Lake, the testatrix had a daughter, Joan Lake (d. 8 October 1573), to whom she bequeaths the residue of her estate, and another daughter, Mary Lake (d.1579), whom she does not call her daughter in the will below, although she provides £5 towards her marriage. Mary Lake married the London mercer, William Gifford; both are left bequests in the will of their brother-in-law, Sir Ralph Warren. For her nuncupative will, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1579, see TNA PROB 11/61/399. See also the deed of bargain and sale, dated 20 April 1600, DRO 215M/T66, at:

<http://apps.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a/records.aspx?cat=027-2151&cid=-1#-1>.

The testatrix' daughter and executrix, Joan Lake (d. 8 October 1573), married, as his second wife, Sir Ralph Warren (d. 11 July 1553), Lord Mayor of London, by whom she was the mother of a son and daughter:

\* Richard Warren (d. 25 March 1597), who married Elizabeth Hayward (d. 5 September 1622), the daughter of Sir Rowland Hayward (d. 5 December 1593), Lord Mayor of London, by his first wife, Joan Tillesworth (d.1580). For Sir Rowland Hayward, see the *ODNB* entry and his will, TNA PROB 11/83/228. For Richard Warren, see his will, TNA PROB 11/89/249, and the *History of Parliament* entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/warren-richard-1545-98>.

After the death of Richard Warren, Elizabeth (nee Hayward), married Oxford's foe, Thomas Knyvet. For Thomas Knyvet, see the *ODNB* entry; his will, TNA PROB 11/140/169; and Noble, Mark, *Memoirs of the Protectorate-House of Cromwell*, (Birmingham: Pearson and Rollason, 1784), Vol. I, p. 82 at:

<https://archive.org/stream/memoirsprotecto01noblgoog#page/n109/mode/2up>.

\* Joan Warren (buried 12 October 1584), who married Sir Henry Williams alias Cromwell (d.1604), by whom she was the grandmother of the Lord Protector, Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658). See Noble, Mark, *Memoirs of the Protectoral-House of Cromwell*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Vol. I, (London: G.G.J. and J. Robinson, 1787), pp. 23-4 at:

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[http://books.google.ca/books?id=DJVC AAAAYAAJ&pg=PA23&lpg=PA23&dq=%22Sir+Henry+Williams%22+%22Cromwell%22+%22monument%22&source=bl&ots=1jRLP4\\_1zA&sig=HKgHXv0ifR7-ZfBFusLujTnJfaM&hl=en&sa=X&ei=D\\_EJVL3VMJLnoATtkICQCw&ved=0CDUQ6AEwBA#v=onepage&q=%22Sir%20Henry%20Williams%22%20%22Cromwell%22%20%22monument%22&f=false](http://books.google.ca/books?id=DJVC AAAAYAAJ&pg=PA23&lpg=PA23&dq=%22Sir+Henry+Williams%22+%22Cromwell%22+%22monument%22&source=bl&ots=1jRLP4_1zA&sig=HKgHXv0ifR7-ZfBFusLujTnJfaM&hl=en&sa=X&ei=D_EJVL3VMJLnoATtkICQCw&ved=0CDUQ6AEwBA#v=onepage&q=%22Sir%20Henry%20Williams%22%20%22Cromwell%22%20%22monument%22&f=false).

For her epitaph in the church of St Benet Sherehog, see also Toldervey, W., *Select Epitaphs*, (London: W. Owen, 1755), Vol. I, p. 149 at:

<http://books.google.ca/books?id=Rn4D AAAAQAAJ&pg=PA149&lpg=PA149&dq=%22Lady+Joan+White%22&source=bl&ots=431rzkcFmr&sig=wZbgfHBLc06aOIO3GWCLjaAQHK8&hl=en&sa=X&ei=nPQJVMCrKoqrogTlu4J4&ved=0CC4Q6AEwAg#v=onepage&q=%22Lady%20Joan%20White%22&f=false>.

For Sir Henry Williams alias Cromwell, see the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1558-1603/member/cromwell-alias-williams-henry-1537-1604>.

Prior to his marriage to the testatrix' daughter, Joan Lake, Sir Ralph Warren had married Christiana Warcup, widow of the London merchant, Roger North (d. November 1509), and daughter of Richard Warcup of Sinnington, Yorkshire, by whom it appears he had no issue. However by his first marriage Sir Ralph Warren became the stepfather of Christiana Warcup's two children by her marriage to Roger North: Sir Edward North (c.1504-1564), 1<sup>st</sup> Baron North, and the Marian exile, Joan (nee North) Wilkinson (d.1556). For the will of Joan (nee North) Wilkinson (d.1556), see TNA PROB 11/42B/326.

For Sir Ralph Warren, see the *ODNB* article and his will, TNA PROB 11/36/217.

After the death of Sir Ralph Warren, the testatrix' daughter, Joan (nee Lake) Warren, married, on 25 November 1558, the London alderman Sir Thomas White (1495? – 12 February 1567), the founder of St John's College, Oxford, for whom see the *ODNB* article and his will, dated 8 November 1566 and proved 21 December 1567, TNA PROB 11/49/377. See also:

<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/machyn/5076866.0001.001/1:8.9/--london-provisioners-chronicle-1550-1563?rgn=div2;view=fulltext>.

'Master Necton of Norwich' mentioned in the will below may have been Thomas Necton, who married Anne Steward, the daughter of Geoffrey Steward, and sister of Augustine Steward (1491-1571), Mayor of Norwich, who is mentioned in the will of the testatrix' sister, Agnes (nee Trotter) Christopherson Clerke Hals (see above). For Thomas Necton see:

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<https://histfam.familysearch.org/getperson.php?personID=I351901&tree=EuropeRoyalNobleHous>.

For Augustine Steward, see his will, TNA PROB 11/53/496, and the History of Parliament entry at:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/steward-augustine-1491-1571>.

LM: T{estamentum} Dorothee Lake

[f. 181v] In the name of God, Amen. The fourth day of September the year of Our Lord God a thousand five hundred 31 and the 22<sup>nd</sup> year [sic?] of the reign of King Henry the 8<sup>th</sup>, I, Dorothy Lake, widow, being in good mind and in perfect memory, thanks be unto Almighty God, make and ordain this my present testament and last will in this manner and form following:

First I recommend my soul unto the Blessed Trinity, to Our Blessed Lady Saint Mary, and to all the blessed company of heaven, and my body to be buried in the parish church of Saint Antholin by Our Lady of Pity and fast to the pillar, and there a tomb to be made of the price of 53s 4d, and to be written about as mine executors shall think best for my husband's and mine lying there, that our souls may the better be remembered and prayed for;

First I bequeath to my ghostly father, whosoever it shall fortune to be, to pray for my soul and for those souls that I am bound to pray for, 3s 4d;

Also I will there be given in wax to be burned in the hour(?) of the Sacrament, 3s 4d;

Item, I will that there be said and sung dirge and Mass by note before the rood of Kyrton [=Crediton?] beyond Exeter for the soul of John Lake and Dorothy, his wife, and Sir John Cooke, sometime treasurer of the same college, and to bestow in that 13s 4d;

And also I will that there be done in deeds of charity for the wealth of my soul and for those souls that I am bound to pray for, as I fare(?) the better for, the sum of forty shillings where my executors shall see it most needful;

[f. 182r] Also I bequeath unto my sister, Agnes, twenty shillings for a black gown, and my ring with the weeping eye;

Also I bequeath to my cousin, John Christopherson, 6s 8d;

And also to Anne Christopherson 10s, and to Mary Christopherson 3s 4d;

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Item, I bequeath to my sister, the nun at Ikelton, to pray for me and for all the souls that I am bound to pray for, twenty shillings;

Item, I bequeath to the altar of the Trinity within the church of Saint Albans of Wood Street in London an altar cloth of crimson and black satin paned, and being embroidered thereon the picture of the Trinity, and a scripture about the same with these words: *Pray for the soul of John Lake and Dorothy, his wife, and for the soul of Benet Trotter, her father;*

And this done and my body honestly buried and then my husband's debts paid and my legacies fulfilled, all the residue of all my lands and goods wholly I give and bequeath to Joan, my daughter, whom I make mine executrice, and overseers of the same I ordain and make Mr William Daunsey, mercer, and if it chance me to decease or [=ere] that my children come to their lawful years of marriage, then I beseech him to see th' order of my children as my special trust is in him, and I give him for his labour in this behalf forty shillings, and with him also I make Thomas Barnwell, attorney of Guildhall, and to him I bequeath 20s for a black gown and to be overseer with Mr Dautesey;

And that the said Mr Barnewall will do take pain to help recover such debts as doth appear in my husband's inventory, and then I charge my executors and overseers to pay so much as can be recovered towards the payments of my husband's debts as far as it will stretch;

Item, I bequeath unto Mary towards her marriage if she be on live £5, and if she be well ordered I will then that mine executors do look better toward her by their discretion;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Mr Roo, sergeant at the law, twenty shillings, desiring him to help my child to her right;

Item, I give unto Sir John Port, judge at the law, five nobles for his pains taken for me and that it will please him to be good unto my children;

Item, I bequeath unto my brother, Hugh Trotter, Customer of Bridgewater, 40s and a ring of the value of twenty shillings for a remembrance, desiring him to be one of mine overseers and to see th' order of my children and to help them to the right of such lands and debts that were due to my husband and me in the west parties;

Item I give and bequeath unto Richard Hanford's wife twenty shillings;

Item, to Master Necton of Norwich for a black gown twenty shillings;

If it fortune that Joan Lake, my daughter, to decease or [=ere] that she be married, then I will that it be distributed for my husband's debts and mine, and to be given to them that hath been our friends and where most need is, as they would answer afore God;

Item, I give and bequeath unto Richard Butler, fishmonger, a black gown. By me, Dorothy Lake.

Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum coram domino apud London tercio Die Mensis Marcij anno domini Millesimo quingentesimo quadragésimo quarto iuramento Domine Iohanne Waren vxoris Radulphi Waren Militis executricis in huiusmodi testamento nominatæ ac approbatum et insinuatum Commissa que fuit administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum iurium et creditorum defunctum et eius testamentum qualitercumque concernentium dictæ executrici de bene et fideliter administrando eadem ac de pleno Inventario &c exhibendo Necnon de plano compoto reddendo ad sancta dei evangelia iuratæ

[=The above-written testament was proved before the Lord at London on the third day of the month of March in the year of the Lord the thousand five hundred forty-fourth by the oath of Dame Joan Warren, wife of Ralph Warren, knight, executrix named in the same testament, and probated and entered, and administration was granted of all and singular the goods, rights and credits whatsoever concerning the said deceased and her testament to the said executrix, sworn on the Holy Gospels to well and faithfully administer the same, and to exhibit a full inventory etc., and also to render a plain account.]